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on General File about my concerns about adding all political subdivisions in this bill with respect to preventing people from smoking within ten feet of the building, thinking that having that come up at this point in time had some broad-ranging ramifications that we...I didn't...I didn't feel we had talked out or had time to sort out. When we did the prohibition with the state, we exempted certain facilities--veterans' facilities and so forth. Local political subdivisions would have no opportunity to do that if we passed a bill with this language in it. So the part of the amendment that I am interested in is striking the words on page 109, line 19, that say, "or its political subdivisions". So this bill will then not apply with respect to the smoking provision to all political subdivisions but just to the ones that are referred there, which is primarily the state, just the state...state buildings. So I would, if I could, I'd yield the rest of the opening to Senator Thompson.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, you have about eight minutes.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you very much. The agreement we have is that just Senator Bromm and I speak to this amendment in order to get the bill passed today. We're short on time, so I ask your support of this. I know some people don't want to restrict it to just the state, but that was my agreement with Senator Bromm on General File. This will give the state an opportunity to have this policy and if those of you who I know have spoken to me about it wish it extended to other subdivisions, we would just do that at some later time under another bill. The second portion just restores some language in the bill to the original language about enforcement of Clean Indoor Air Act. That was an amendment you'd already voted for previously in the session that was recommended, but this cleans the whole thing down to only the issue of ten foot for state...the state, not including the other governmental subdivisions. And, again, appreciate just having the opportunity to vote on this and not have a lot of discussion so that we can move this bill today. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson, Senator Bromm. Senator Bromm, there are no further lights on. Did you wish to close? He waives closing. The question before the body is the